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IRANIAN MERCHANT SHIP AND CARGO AIRCRAFT IN LIBYA
TARABULUS PORT FACILITIES AND TRIPOLI AIRFIELD

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: AN IRANIAN MERCHANT SHIP AND CARGO AIRCRAFT IN LIBYA SUGGESTS CONTINUED LIBYAN MILITARY SUPPORT TO IRAN.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: AN IRANIAN MERCHANT SHIP (ARYA NUR-CLASS), PROBABLY THE "IRAN NEHAD", WAS MOORED AT THE MILITARY TRANSSHIPMENT QUAY AT TARABULUS PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, AN IRANIAN 747 HEAVY-LIFT CARGO TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, WITH CIVIL MARKINGS, WAS OBSERVED AT TRIPOLI AIRFIELD [REDACTED] (REF NPIC NOON HIGHLIGHT CABLE 28-0349, [REDACTED] THE 747 WAS PARKED ON A TAXIWAY IN AN AREA NORMALLY USED FOR CARGO TRANSSHIPMENT AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE. ALTHOUGH NO MILITARY CARGO OR ON/OFF LOADING ACTIVITY WAS DISCERNIBLE AT EITHER LOCATION, SIMILAR ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN 1980 AND 1981 WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRAN. IN JUNE 1981, THE IRANIAN MERCHANT SHIP "IRAN ERSHAD" WAS LOADING T-54/55 TANKS AND 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46 AT TARABULUS PORT FACILITIES. AN IRANIAN CIVIL AND A MILITARY 747 AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED AT GHURDABIYAH AIRFIELD [REDACTED] IN OCTOBER 1980. [REDACTED]
3. (S) TARABULUS, [REDACTED] COORDINATES 32-54-25N 013-11-15E
TRIPOLI, [REDACTED] COORDINATES 32-39-45N 013-09-35E

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